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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2001, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on line 4 of page 1:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

B<sub>1</sub> The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/049,857, filed March 27, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,135,991, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/813,807, filed March 6, 1997, now abandoned.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 9 as follows:

B<sub>2</sub> As shown in **FIGURE 2**, a balloon guidewire catheter 70 generally comprises an elongate flexible tubular body 80 extending between a proximal control end 82, corresponding to a proximal section of the tubular body 80, and a distal functional end 84, corresponding to a distal section of